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County Executive Gardner Features Innovation in Annual State of County Address

FREDERICK, MD – Frederick County is energized by innovation. Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner, during her annual State of the County Address today, highlights how Frederick County is on the cutting-edge, leveraging our assets, and leading the way with innovation.

“The state of Frederick County is innovative, energized, and on the move!” Executive Gardner said. “Frederick County is advancing innovation in public education with new state-of-the-art schools and with the LYNX program – Linking Youth to New Experiences; turning big ideas into new jobs with our cutting-edge business and technology collaboration at ROOT; and, leading the way with a new and different approach to serving our seniors.” Executive Gardner unveiled new statistics and announced new county initiatives during her presentation:

- **Patents awarded** to Frederick County inventors have outpaced the national rate since 2012, with most awarded in the biomedical and IT network management industries.
- **Millennial population growth:** Frederick County’s population of people ages 25 – 34 grew more than 11 percent since 2010. These young professionals will replace the baby boomers and keep our economy moving.
- **A Property Assessed Clean Energy Program** will kick off this month, allowing businesses to save green by going green.
- **The 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center** is leading the way with Next Generation 9-1-1 that will improve the accuracy of call locations and will allow for multimedia communication. The 9-1-1 Communications Center will move its primary location to the Public Safety Training Facility by the end of the year to expand to meet the county’s growing call volume.

Frederick County is on the cutting edge with innovation in public education, a collaborative approach at ROOT to help turn big ideas into jobs, and with a new approach to serving a growing senior population.

Frederick County is leveraging its assets to make the most of every tax dollar and asset to deliver outstanding services and to protect taxpayers’ investment in infrastructure.

Frederick County is on the move with new schools, libraries, fire stations and parks to deliver the promise of a bright future

Frederick County is one of the best places to live, work and raise a family. Our schools are high performing – among the best in the nation; our community is safe and offers a high quality of life; our economy is thriving; and Frederick County is now leading the way with cutting edge programs and innovation.

The full State of the County presentation can be viewed at www.tinyurl.com/StateofCounty2017.

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